

PIPESTONE NATIONAL MONUMENT, ROCK QUARRY
Park Entrance Road
Pipestone *Vicinity*
Pipestone County
Minnesota

HAER NO. MN-27

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59-PISTON,
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PHOTOGRAPHS AND
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
Minnesota	Pipestone	Pipestone vicinity
HISTORIC NAME		HAER NO.
PIPESTONE NATIONAL MONUMENT, ROCK QUARRY		MN-27
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES		HABER MINN.
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL AREAS)		59- PASTO. V.
Section 1, Township 106N, Range 46W, Park Entrance Road		1-
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	ENGINEER, BUILDER, OR FABRICATOR	
17th century-	geological area first used for rock quarrying by indians	
SIGNIFICANCE (TECHNOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE)		
Complex geological site in which the underlying bedrock is a metamorphosed sandstone generally referred to as Sioux quartzite., regarded as early Ordovician in age.		
Significant as center of Indian activity for centuries; used quarry for pipe stone.*		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
various formations on a 282 acre site.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
"Spotted Quarry" 36' x 30', speculated to be 1st quarry worked by aboriginal indians		
"Three maidens" 6 large glacial erratics from which petroglyphs have been removed		
"The Oracle"		
"Historic Quarry" also site of archaeological excavations		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
National Monument		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
*and other stone artifacts. Was and continues to be used by the indians as a source of materials important for various practical and ceremonial purposes.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS, ETC.)		
National Register nomination, prepared by David Arbogast, historical architect, National Park Service		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION		DATE
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